LILLYS

Strange and Wonderful

Prognostication:

Being a Relation of many Universal accidents that will come to pass in this Year, 1681.

According to the

SIGNIFICATIONS OF THE CELESTIAL BODIES,

As well in this our *English* Nation, as in parts beyond the Seas: With a sober Caution to all by speedy Repentance to avert the Judgments that are impendent.

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MAny and dreadful are the Judgments that have been inflicted upon this sinful Nation, therefore we ought to humble our selves before the great God of all the Earth who yet may be intreated to turn a side his wrath, and avert the evil he has just cause to inflict upon us: Nay when, we consider his great deleverances, how can we but say, That He has been a God of Mercy, slow to Anger, and of great goodness, abundantly pardoning transgression and sin, where there is the least impress of Repentance. *Then since the superior Constellations or Planets, with many other Configurations of the Heavens have ever since the Creation of the Universe been as the book of the Almighty set open for us to read his Wonders in, and to own his Omnipotence, let us hearken first what the greatest* Astrologer *of our age in his prophetick Judgment on this ensuing Year* 1681 *does prognosticate and assure us will come to pass.*

He affirmeth that when *Jupiter* in the Figure, or most excellent position of *Mercury*, elevated where that Planet has most dignity, though in opposition to his own, it does prognosticate as yet Tranquility and a right understanding of affairs amongst the Counsels of this Nation, and that the Nobility and Magistracy of the Kingdom shall consult for the best, and continue for the most part firm to their trusts, and that there shall be a settle-

ment of the publick Affairs beyond the vulgar expectations; and that they that have been formerly of no esteem, shall be advanced to great honour by reason of their good conduct in affairs; and that the King will be pleased to condescend to the advancement of such as their deserts shall raise, and have a right understanding with his people and truly Loyal Subjects; but remove all evil Counsel, and much discourage such as seek to raise Dissentions and Evil Reports in and of the Government, and in some measure hazard his own Interest for the safety and good of the publick.

The positions of *Saturn* to *Mercury* in the eleventh House, denotes that there will happen some division, and that many Friends will fall at Variance and many have mistrust of each other, so that hot disputes in many places are likely to arise, and animosities lye brooding in their breasts, the which may be much prejudicial to some notable underhand Affairs intended; many vain and needless Fears in this year shall be augmented by such as thirst after Innovation and change in Government but in a short time they shall be dispersed; Many shall repine and cavel at and against the Decres and actions of Authority and the Popish party use their utmost endeavours to promote their declining Cause; but Heaven will frustrate their most evil Designs and make them fruitless, Nay, they will go so far as once more to attempt the Invalidating the Kings Evidence, but fall without success; Then let the great City of *London* beware least Sedicious agents spread false Rumors within her Walls, and endeavour to draw the hearts of the people from their due obedience; which if it should take effect,

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which Heaven prevent, it would cauſe a Jealouſie between Prince and people, whilſt our adverſary or common Enemy would gain advantage thereby, and perhaps it might be a great help to the pernicious Deſigns they have on foot.

By the many Eclipſes of Both Luminaries that have happened in theſe two years paſt, it is probably Conjecture, that ſeveral ſtrange events are prognaſticated: *Mars* and *Venus* being Rulers of the ſpring Quarter, that there will be Wars and Tumults in many places of *Europe*; and that mens minds will be ſtrangely altered, ſeveral being Impriſoned for their Illegal proceedings; and many ſhall be tryed and brought to their juſt puniſhments: Some ſhall dye upon Scaffolds, and others upon Gibbets. The Eyes of Authority will now be open, and no longer deceived by feigned pretences. Many loſſes at Sea and Land, by reaſon of Shipwrack and Diſeaſes: Among Cattle ſhall happen ſurfeits, Agues, Dropſies, Conſumptions, and Feavors, ſhall be very frequent this Year, and many ſhall dye; and ſeveral great Changes ſhall happen both in States and Empires.

Thus have we given you a juſt and particular Account of many things which the Supperior Orbs do affect ſhall come to paſs in the enſuing Year. And now I ſhall think it neceſſary to lay open to your view, the Cauſes, Effects, and prodidious Conſequences of the late Comwet, or Blazing Star, which was ſeen in the South-Weſt, *one the* 11th. *of* December, 1680.

A Deſcription of the late *Comet.*

THe firſt appearance of it was in the Sign *Sagitarius*, or the Latter end of *Scorpio*, when we had Advice of it from *Falmouth* in the *London* Gazette, about the begining of *November*, and ſince it hath paſt *Sagitarius*, and is now in the ſign *Capricorn*, about the 23 Degree, for it was obſerved on the 12th. of *December* by a very worthy perſon, to be about five degrees of *Capricorn*, and it's diurnal Motion about 1 Deg. 30 minutes and by the Addition of it's diurnal motion, it reaches to, the 23d. as aforeſaid at the time of writing, being 24th. of *December*, the Star hath about 10 Deg. North Latitude and about the bigneſs of a Star of the fourth Magnitude with a Stream or Blaze pointing Eaſterly of about 60 Degrees in length, the Star of a Pale Leaner color and alſo the ſtream or Blaze by way of Judgment according to Art, there are two things to be conſidered. Firſt the places of the *Comet* in the Zodiack; ſecondly, where the ſtream points. To the firſt, I do believe it hath paſt part of *Scorpio* and all *Sagitarius*, therefore let part of *France*, and part of *Germany*, and *Spain* look to it for they either offenſively or defenſively ſhall batter themſelves or ſome other people, and inaſmuch as it is gotten into Capricorn, I pray God keep the Dominions of *Great Brittain* in peace, becauſe under *Capricorn* is the North part of *Scotland*, for it is much to be feared that the

the Scots may once more Rebel against *England*, and I must further take a Cognisance of its passing *Sagitarius* a sign opposite to *Londons Ascendant*, where that great Conjunction fell of *Saturn* and *Jupiter* in the yeare 1663. From which Mr. *Richard Edlin* predicted that great Plague which happened in 1665. In short, I fear *England*, but more especially *London* will be incident to an infectious *Ayre*, from thence proceeds raging Pestilential Diseases, Rumours and Real Wars, and home bred *Divisions*, poisoning, open and private Murders let *England* beware of Flatterers, and treat its Neighbours in a posture of Defence. to conclude this part, let the Inhabitants of *London* prepare for death, for indeed a plague is threatened, and God keep back the fury of bloody minded men.

Then considering that the point at its disappearing tended south-east, let the Inhabitants of other places prepare to feel its effects as well as we, but not so soon by way of *Digression*, if I consider the two great *Conjunctions* of *Saturn and Jupiter*, which fall in the sign *Leo* the *Ascendant* of *Rome* in the years 1682, and 83, I cannot but think there will be a Total dessolution of the *popish* power within a small time after, for I am perswaded that the work is begun already as to the Humane part and according to former Observations much after the nature as it was in one great Conjunction in Leo when Rome was taken, and the then present pope Consigned but these Two Conjunctions being in one, and the same Sign happening in the space of one Year,

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which configurations have not happened for the space of above 2000 years, therefore it must needs shake Rome and change that place in quality, and indeed these Conjunctions have relation to all the whole World: for it is an undoubted truth that the destruction of one state is the advancing of another, and by so much may the Conqueror behold his owne Victory. The *World* was never always in one position, nor hardly will. The Reverend Mr. Perkins, one of the Fathers of the States in many places that they do not for the most part continue above five or six Hundred Years at the most without being sack't by strangers; then let the Reader consider whether a great part *of Europe* is not near great *Alterations*, *England* according to that *doctrine* cannot but be very sensible *of* the sad Effects, I shal *now* conclude with this *Astrological prediction*.

That within this five Years all Europe *shal go near to be up in* Arms.

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